BETTIE THOMAS-LEWIS.

EXTRACTS FROM COURT OPINIONS.

The Facts in the Interesting Case Set Forth by Judge Fauntlerov Are More Entering Than Auy Novel.

By the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Bettie Thomas Lewis is made the richest colored woman in Virginia. She is married and her husband, John H. Lewis, a bright mulatto, keeps a drug store at No. 20 west Leigh street.

Bettie Thomas Lewis would be mistaken for a white woman by any person who did not know her. She does not associate with the masses of her race. The society in which she moves is composed of a few of the most intelligent colored persons in this city, all of whom are well-to-do and who are generally termed bright "mulattoes."

Fannie Coles, Bettie's friend and companion, lives with her. Fannie is the daughter of a white man who was killed while defending her honor by a young Englishman in Albe-marie several years ago. Fannie was present when Thomas died. She was on the witness stand for six hours, and it was through her evidence, which the finest legal talent in Vir-ginia could not successfully assail, that the

case was won.

Judge Fauntleroy's opinion in the case comprises sixty pages of closely written legal cap paper. It is said by the legal fraternity to be a magnificent exposition of the law in the case, and was spoken of by the concurring members on the bench in most compilmentary terms. After reviewing the history of the case in the lower courts, and the question raised in the controversy to be decided by the higher court, Judge Fauntleroy proceeds to recite the facts in the case as disclosed by the record and concurrent testimony.

mony.

It is written in a highly original style peculiar for a decision of this character, and reads like the pages of a strong modern novel. It is interesting from beginning to end, but on account of its great length only extracts are given herewith as follows:

Bettie Thomas Lewis, who, before her marriage, was Hettie Thomas, is the only living child of the late William A. Thomas, a wealthy retired merchant, who, at the age of seventy years and enfeebled by long sickness, departed this life, intestate, on the 4th day of January, 1880, at his residence in or near to January, 1889, at his residence in or near to the city of Richmond, possessed of a large January, 1889, at his residence in or near to the city of Richmond, possessed of a large estate of both real and personal property, but principally personalty. He never married, but cohabited with a woman of half-white blood, formerly his slave, in the county of Pittsylvania, Va., by whom he was the father of two daughters, Bettie and an older sister Fannie, who married and died soon after the late civil war without issue. Bettie, thirty-five years of age when her father died, and Fannie were always recognized and acknowledged by William A. Thomas as his children: they called him father; and he called them and cherished and lived with them as his children. The death of Fannie was a great grief to him, and, after that event, his whole and devoted affection was centred upon Bettie as the "daughter of his heart and home." whom he loved "passing well" and from whom he was never thereafter separated, except for the two years that he sent her to a boarding school. Soon after the termination of the late war he removed to Richmond to engage in business, and he purchased a small farm just outside of the city limits for a home for himself and Bettie, and twenty years, she presiding at his table and over his household affairs, and ministering to him in sickness and in health, nursing and caring for him with the constant assiduities of a deministering to him in sickness and in health, nursing and caring for him with the constant assiduities of a devoted and dutiful daughter, and he providing voted and dutiful daughter, and he providing for her comfort and pleasure in every conceivable form that lavish parental love and large means could suggest. He built the house in which they lived for her, and, according to her directions, he planned and furnished it. He occupied a room intercommunicating with Bettie's, and, during his long and languishing age, enfeebled by siekness and suffering, he preferred and tolerated no ministry but hers to his wants and his weariness. He provided for her an intelligent, agreeable living-companion in his house until her marriage to John H. Lewis, and, for many years previous and up to his and, for many years previous and up to his death, Fannie Coles, an educated, intellec-tual woman—the natural and recognized daughter of the late John S. Coles, of Albe-marle county, was her household companion, friend and room-mate. He urged Bettie to make a trip to Europe with him, and for eight or ten summers next before his death he visited Saratoga Springs, taking with him he visited Saratora Springs, taking with him Bettle and Fannie Coles; and there, as at his own home sitting and eating with them at the same table. For Bettle's mother he pro-vided a home, where, for a time, she lived; but this he sold; and at the time of his death she lived at his house with Bettle, though the proof in the record is that he did not of late sars of his life cohabit with her. William. Thomas is represented by the witnesses of the appellants as a man honest, just, close to his interest, unusually prudent and of fine business capacity, simple and frugal in his habits. He is described by the witness, Lr. H. McGuire, who was his attending physician, chosen friend and adviser, as a peculiar character, anyhow. I think, too, he had little superstition about maki dislike that belongs to a great many men to pro-vide for death in any way." This "peculiar character, anyhow," cut off from social inter-course by the kind and circumstance of his household affinities, lived, isolated in his own home, almost absolutely without social recognition or intercourse. He had a few business friends and no enemies. He had a few business friends and no enemies. He had no relations of legal blood except some col-lateral kindred, who had never visited him in health or in sickness, and whom he knew of only by the importunity of occasional beg-ging letters, of which he complained as an annovance, saying "here is a become letter." annoyance, saying "here is a begging letter; the only use my relatives have for me is to the only use my relatives have for me is to get all out of me they can, but if they expect to get what I have when I die they will be mistaken." Dr. McGuire says: "From some things he said to me, I don't know what, I had an idea that he did not like his relatives, for I sometimes used these facts in urging him to make his will."

Mr. Stephen B. Hughes, the most intimate and trusted friend of Mr. Thomas, said: "I have known Mr. Thomas since 1850. We lived together in the same store for many years, occupied the same room together and were partners in business for about three

were partners in business for about three years. And these friendly relations conyears. And these friendly relations con-tinued up to the time of his death." This witness, with very much other testimony equally important in its bearing upon the relations and affection existing between Mr. Thomas and his daughter, Bettie, says "They were of the most affectionate nature—that of father and daughter. I have been present when Mr. Thomas was sick, and I have seen for myself. When Thomas was sick he usually sent for me. I was, several years ago, sent for to see Mr. Thomas. I found Thomas, as I thought, quite sick, and I asked Thomas to allow me to send him a trained nurse, and he said. 'No,' that he preerred Bettie to anybody else. It was during that sickness that Thomas first told me that Bettie was his daughter. It was during that spell of sickness that Thomas told me at his death Bettie Lewis would be amply provided

Mr. Thomas speaks more than once of his intention to provide amply for Bettie at his death. He said. "She was the only one I ever heard him say he was going to make provision for. Thomas used to get his mail at our store and I have heard Thomas remark," 'Here's a begging letter' or 'another begging letter,' and the only use his relations had for him was to get all out of him they could, but if they expected to get what he had when he died that they would be mississen."

There is in the record very much more There is in the record very much more testimony equally strong, explicit, unimpeached and uncontradicted, attesting the life-long avowed and unwavering solicitude and purpose of this isolated old man to nourish tenderly while he lived and to provide for amply at his death his devoted and faithful daughter Bettie, the only light of his long life and the only love which quickened the emotions of his introverted and self-centered soul. There is no particle of evidence tered soul. There is no particle of evidence, and none could be adduced by the appellants, aided by the direction of able, accomplished and assiduous counsel and prompted by the large stake of the controversy, to prove that William A. Thomas ever declared or intimated an intention to provide for any of his collateral kindred at all, much less to allow that the collateral kindred at all, much less to allow them to take and enjoy the acquisitions of his long life of industry, thrift, trugality and self-denial. But while we are asked to deny judicial oredence to the clearest, the most

consistent and convincing testimony that this dying and devoted father did give, with all due and legal solemnities, the larger portion—not all—of his property to his only child and dariing daughter, we are deliberately invoked to infer (without the elighest evidence to warrant the reduction, and in disregard of full, incontrovertible proof to the contrary) that it was William A. Thomas' dying design to leave his Deloved only child in destitution and disappointed helplesaness; and to devolve by the statute of distributions his whole estate upon collateral kindred, with whom he had no intercourse, and for whom he cared nothing—strangers absolutely to his heart and home. And the only inducement urged for this illogical and unwarranted inference is the circumstance that Mr. Thomas had the portrait of B. F. Gravely, who had married Mr. Thomas coustr, and that in a letter of condeience, dated March 2. 1882, in reply to a letter announcing the death of B. F. Gravely, he expressed kindly regard and asked Mr. Gravely's son "can I do anything for the family?" The inference is that he did then give them aid, and to this he doubless had reference when he declared (as detailed in the evidence of Stephen B. Hughes, Fannic Coles, Mrs. Royd and sundry others,) that he had given to them long years ago all he intended ever to give to them. We have given this unavoidably long narrative of the relations, circumstances, congenities and situation of the parties to this cause, to show that the avowed and constant object of Mr. Thomas' life, labor and love was solicitude and provision for his daughter Bettie, and that there is not one scintilla of proof in the record that through all the years of his life and in all the references he ever made to his intended disposition of his property, he ever had in his heart or mind a purpose to provide particularly for any other than his cherished child; to whom he was bound by the strongest ties of nature and affection; to whom he owed the undivided obligation of a father, and whose whole tenor

tled by law.

It is vehemently charged that the testimony of Fannie Coles as to the factum of the gift is falso—that it is the result of a conspiracy with Bettle Lewis to defraud the legal distributees of William A. Thomas; that no such gift, as she testifies to, was ever made. The charge is easily asserted, but law, logic and a decent respect for human nature, all require clear and indubitable proof to induce

and a decent respect for human nature, all require clear and indubitable proof to induce judicial credence to such an atrocity.

It is argued that Mr. Thomas did not make the gift montis causa of his property to his child Bettie, as distinctly and incontrovertably proved, because of his oft and emphatic statement of intention to provide for her by will; and time and time again it is argued that in the eight or ten minutes of Mr. Gilliam's presence with him alone in the death chamber, only a brief time on Friday afternoon before he expired he made an appointment with Mr. Gilliam to gojto Mr. Gilliam's office the next day to have his will written. Aside from the utter improbability—not to say impossibility—of an enfeebled and dying old man, in the country beyond the limits of the city of Richmond, making an engagement at 4 o'clock F. M., to arise from what proved to be his death-bed early that night and to come into the city and to a lawyer's office the next day, there is no evidence in the record of any such purpose or possibility.

After a long review of the evidence and facts bearing upon the case, of which the above are extracts, Judge Fauntleroy said: In the able and elaborate opinion of Judge Leake, filed with the record in this case, he decided, saying: "But certainly not without doubts."

"The question to my mind lis a very doubtful one;" that the gift by Mr. Thomas of his bank book showing the amount of his deposits in the Planters National Bank was in-

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the money to his credit in the said bank, and he decreed accordingly. In this, I am of the opinion, the decree under review is erroneous, and that it should be, under the rule, in this particular cor-rected in favor of the appellees, and in all other respects affirmed, but the majority of the court think the decree is wholy right, and that it must be affirmed as it is.

The last clause is invested with particular interest, because it was changed from the original and resulted in the loss to Bettie Thomas-Lewis of \$18,000 represented in the bank book. It is plain from the manuscript that the words, as originally written, were

They at first read: "In this I am of opinon the decree under review is erroneous, and ought to be, under the rule in this particular, corrected in favor of the appellees and in all other respects confirmed."

The change can be readily seen, and was evidently made after Judge Fauntleroy found that the majority of the court disagreed with him in this rection of the confirmed.

him in this portion of the opinion.

In continuance the Judge proceeded then with the discussion of the law of the case,

and determined each of the legal questions raised in the case in favor of the appellee Bettie Lewis, and in support of each position gave a long and interesting review of the authorities on the subject.

A PIANO RECITAL.

Virginians Charmed by a Virginian at the Mozart Yesterday.

Miss Clara Belle Palmer, of the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, gave a most artistic and delightful piano recital at the Mozart yesterday morning to an invited audience, composed of the most critical music lovers of Richmond. The programme was selected from the best efforts of the most celselected from the best efforts of the most celebrated composers, and was most beautifully rendered. The Legend in A flat major, melody in G flat major and thence with variations in A major by Paderewski, Tarantella by Nicode, the Prayer from Lohengrin and the Prize Song from Meistersinger by Wagner, and the Rhapsodie Hongroise, in D flat major, by Liszt—compositions that only the most talented and carefully drilled musicians can render—were given with an artistic feeling and technical rendition that called forth the most enthusiastic applause. The recital was concluded with the Intermezzo Sinfonico from the Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni, one of the most melodious and beautiful compositions ever written. Miss Palmer is an arpositions ever written. Miss Palmer is an ar-tist in the fullest conception of the term, and serves the cordial receptions that have been given to her by all audiences and critics before whom she has played. Her technique and knowledge of harmony and counterpoint are wonderful in so young a performer. Miss Palmer is a Virginia lady, born in Augusta county, and is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Vest, of Gwathmey, sand came into Richmond this norning. After the recital Miss Palmer and party of friends were entertained at dinner at Ford's Hotel. She will shortly appear in concert in Richmond.

The Richmond Howitzers have made arrangements for what will be known as Howitzers' Thursdays. They will on Thursdays, June 23d, 36th and July 7th, with their friends, go down to Warwick Park on barges. There will be music on the way going down and refreshments will be served to the hungry and thirsty ones at Warwick Park. Dancing will be induled in for a few hours. In view of the indulged in for a few hours. In view of the great popularity all previous entertainments given by the Howitzers have met with it is expected that these excursions will be largely patronized by the Howitzers and their friends

A public examination will be held at the Richmond High School on Wednesday morn-ing next at 9 o'clock, for the benefit of those who desire to obtain licenses to teach in the public schools of this city.

This does not refer to the graduates of the Richmond High or Colored Normal schools.

Major Johnston Balled.

Major John Brown Johnston (colored), who is charged with shooting W. H. Morris, alias Massey, applied for bail to Judge Witt yesterday. He was given his liberty after a bailbond for \$1,500 was signed.

FINE VIRGINIA RACERS

WHAT SHE HAS DONE FOR THE TURF.

The Most Celebrated Runners and Trotters Now on the Turf are From Virginia Stock. The Good Colt Morrello.



T HAS indeed been a strange and lamentable fact that Virginia, once so famous for her celebrated race horses, should , fall so low in their production, almost to abandonment. The high standard

wells and others wells and others raised the turf has always been one of the proud and just claims of Virginians.

The many far famed racers raised in the Old Dominion, which were kings and queens in the days gone by, attracted the attention of the horse-loving world, and the recital of the exciting contests in which they were the victors has furnished thrilling discussions around many a hearthstore.

But the oft-repeated query of Why is this no more? has rankled in the hearts of those who inherit the fire and ardor of their fathers, and by their efforts Virginia is fast regaining this lost art, and once more her colors are beginning to fly past the post in honorable strife.

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It is a matter of great pride with all Virginians that prior to the war the whole of the Union looked to this State for their horses to be used on the track, as well as those intended for the harem. Diomed, the winner, of the first English Derby, was imported into this State about the year 1790. His son, Sir Archy, produced Timolian, and he sired Boston, the sire of the peerless four-miler, Lexington. A careful analysis of the pedigrees of nine-tenths of the phenomenal horses which have won distinction on the turf within the past forty years will reveal the fact that they carried the blood of Boston.

When Kentucky first became recognized as one of the horse centres of the country she naturally looked to Virginia for the material which had given Virginia such an enviable reputation, and the wonderful results show how well the selections were made, as Kentucky is admitted to be far in advance of all other States of the Union in the production of both running and trotting horses.

SOME OF THE CELEBRATED BACERS.

Planet, a Virginia horse sold by Major T.W.
Doswell to Mr. Alexander, of Kentucky, sired the dam of Palo Alto, that holds the world's champion stallion record of 2.08%.
Sunol, owned by Mr. Robert Bonner, with the world's trotting record of 2.08%, is out of a mare by General Benton and her second dam by Lexington. Maud S., that held for so many years the world's record of 2.08%, is out of a mare by Pilot, Jr., second dam by Boston. J. I. C., with a record of 2.10, is out of a mare by Pilot, Jr., second dam by Lexington, a son of Boston.

A careful perusal of the above facts will show that not only the greatest runners, but also the sensational trotters trace back to those grand old horses Boston, Lexington and Planet, all bred in Virginia, is the only State that has ever produced two Suburban winners (Eurus and Elkwood), and both of these by the same sire, Eolus, bred and raised by the late Major Thomas W. Doswell, and after his turf career was ended was sold for a mere song. He was afterwards bought by Captain R. J. Hancock, of Charlottesville.

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It is a matter of fact that Virginia has produced more high-class race horses and winners in proportion to the number raised and started than any State in the Union. It is also an admitted fact by the Northern turfman that Virginia has sent out the best two-year-old this season, in the good colt Morrello, he being by that great horse. Eolus. This colt was raised by Captain Hancock and purchased at his yearling sale by Mr. T. B. Doswell for the sum of \$100. He made his debut at Washington in April last, wiuning three straight races. He was then purchased by Mr. Frank Van Ness for the sum of \$5,000, and since that time he has won a number of races and has beaten the best of the two-yearraces and has besten the best of the two-veurolds in such an easy manner that his owner now holds him at \$25,000. Of course he will be watched with very great interest by al Virginians, as his stake engagements include the great Futurity, which will be run in Sep-tember at Sheepshead Bay and will be worth

Eolus, the sire of Morrello, all things considered, is the greatest sire of this century. To his credit such horses as Eurus, Elkwood. Eolian, St. Savior, Knight of Ellerslie, Russell, Young Grace, Rustic, and his daughters.
Ada Belle and Ethel, produced the two great horses Charade and Hommie.

Miles Standish, the two-year-old that has proven himself a good runner, and is valued at \$20,000, is a gray mare formerly owned by Mr. James Branch, of this city. Mr. Branch purchased the mare at auction for \$110, and sold her in Kentucky for \$900. Miles Standish is a half brother of Yorrick that won a race at Morris Park last week.

Mr. Branch has just returned from Latonia where he saw the colt Greenwich win three where he saw the colt offectively arranged from a mare owned by Mr. Branch, as is also Alcine, the colt that ran so fast at Morris Park on Monday. Mr. J. J. Carroll, a prominent bookmaker, has J. J. Carroll, a prominent bookmaker, has purchased the old Tinsley estate near Ashland, which he has improved very much, Carroll has some very fine brood mares. Carroll has some very line of our larges. Mr. Carroll, whose opinion should be valuable, thinks there is no section of the country more advantageous for the raising of fine thoroughbred horses than Virginia.

THE SAD BITE.

The Remains of Benjamin Mosby Quarles Laid in Hollywood.

The funeral of the late Benjamin Mosby Quarles took place vesterday afternoon from Seventh-street Christian church, and who the remains arrived shortly after 8 o'cloc the body of the church was well filled with sorrowing friends of the departed. The real estate agents attended in a body, and a large delegation of the Royal Arcanum was also The body of the dead philanthropist was

inclosed in a plain, cloth-covered casket, and its lid was completely hidden under loads of flowers sent by loving friends as the last visi-

The remains were met at the church door by Rev. Jabez Hall, D. D., paster of the church; Rev. W. V. Tudor, D. D., of Broadstreet Methodist church, and Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., of Second Presbyterian church. The procession quietly moved toward the pullott where the casket was described weden. pulpit, where the casket was deposited under the subdued tone of a hymn played by the the subdued tone of a hymn played by the organist, the only music during the services. Rev. Ir. Hall read the burial service and was followed by Rev. Dr. Tudor, who read a passage from the Scriptures, while Rev. Dr. Hoge offered a fervent prayer. Rev. Dr. Hall closed the service with another prayer and announced that in accordance with the wishes of the decessed the funeral services were held in the planest and wast prayers. were held in the plainest and most unesten-tatious manner. The interment took place in the family section at Hollywood.

The real estate agents of this city held a The real estate agents of this city held a meeting yesterday morning to take suitable setion in regard to the death of Mr. Quarles. Mr. Edward S. Rose presided and Mr. O. H. Funsten acted as secretary. A committee was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions. The committee consisted of Messrs. N. W. Bowe, J. Thompson Brown, H. A. McCurdy, Ro, H. Gilliam and Jackson Brandt. They submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our friend, Benjamin M. Quaries: therefore
Resolved, That we, his brother real estate Resolved. That we his brother real estate agents, feel greatly our loss, which is no less the loss of this entire community: that we desire to express our sense of the great worth and usefulness of our deceased brother, of his gentle and courteous manners, of his unvarying kindness of heart, of his charitable disposition and of his substantial helpfulness to all in trouble; that we hereby tender to his family our success sympathies in their way. family our sincere sympathies in their ure-parable loss, and direct that a copy of these resolutions be communicated to them, and also be published in the daily papers, and that the real estate fraternity will attend his funeral in a body.

Unclaimed Freight at Auction. J. H. Valentine will conduct this large sale of 550 packages. Sale at Ninth-street depot July 18th at 10:30 o'clock.

AT RICHMOND COLDEGE

The Commencement Exercises-Work Done During the Last Session.

Around the college everything has an air of business except that here and there a group of idlers lounge lazily under a shade tree, of idlers lounge lazily under a shade tree, trying to keep cool, while they talk about "who flunked." Another Sunday will see the two hundred and four Richmond College students scattered through fourteen States, and some of them will be sadly sighing for Mexico's plains, while they settle down to remain in Virginia until another session begins.

In a few days more some who erstwhile wielded the bat or played the racket will be following a plow or handling a hoe as if they were really still farmer boys and no longer students of one of the leading colleges of the land.

Richmond's contingent, seventy strong, will soon be aiding their fathers in making or spending money,

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This is commencement week and will close the most successful session of the college's history—a session full of successful work by the largest number of men ever seen on the grounds before. The battles for honors have been waged and won and somebody's "girl I left behind me" will greet a returning lover with a tender pride as he pins his medal on her breast and bids her wear it for his honor. Somebody's mother's eyes will fill with tears of joy and pride as she folds to her breast a boy bearing college honors.

The feeling among the students has been unusually harmonious, and everybody leaves a triend to everybody else.

The college has had quite a number of public lectures during the session, which have been of a high order and have been well received by Richmond's most cultured people. The field sports have been better than in former years; the faculty will report to the trustees that the session has been marked by general good health, and hard study by the students. Two new features have been added since last commencement.

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Richmond Medical College, has lectured to the students on "Physiology and Hygiene," and the faculty have furnished an infirmary to be used in cases of sickness. The Historical and Geographical Society has grown rapidly towards a regular school of history, under the wise direction of Professor Boatwright, and will open next October by the annual address, for which the services of Dr. J. L. M. Curry have been secured. The college is progressing, and Professor Puryear, the chairman, says the prospect for next session is better than ever. Hon. W. L. Wilson, who was chosen as president, felt compelled to decline on account of his obligations to the country as congressman, but the committee on nominations have instructions to nominate some one else at the meeting of the trustees on Tuesday. The only name mentioned for the place so far is withheld until the lightning strikes.

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Quite a number of old students are on the grounds to see their successors receive the honors over which they lost sleep in former years. J. M. Carroll, now of Johns Hopkins: H. T. Burnley, Q. H. Athey, R. H. Rudd and W. O. Carver are among the number.

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The programme for commencement promises to be a great treat, following up the happy note sounded by the joilification last night.

To-night the commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. B. H. Carroll, of Waco, Texas, Dr. Carroll is one of the first Baptist preachers of the South. Music will be furnished by a male quartette led by Captain Cunningham.

Monday night the joint celebration of the literary societies will be held. Mr. J. C. Harwood, of Richmond, is salutatorian; Mr. E. C. Laird, of Georgia, orator, and Mr. Garnett Ryland, of Richmond, valedictorian.

Tuesday night's programme is: Introductory address by Dr. Nelson, of Richmond Female Institute; address before the literary societies by Dr. F. M. Ellis, of Baltimore; delivery/of debators', orators' and writers' medals.

Wednesday night, meeting of alumni, when

Rev. J. T. Dickinson, of Oronge, N. J., is the orator and Rev. R. R. Acree, president of the Alumni Association, will preside.

Thursday night is commencement proper, when all college honors, including certifactes, diplomas, medals and degrees, will be awarded by the chairman, Dr. Puryear.

Fine music each night will coliven all the scenes. All exercises will be held in the college chapel, and the public are invited.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the trustees will be in semi-ahnual session.

The committee of award has given the writer's medal, for the best article written for the College Messenger, to Mr. Garnett Ryland, of Richmond, who will be a M. A. graduate on Thursday night.

There are eight applicants for the degree of B. L., one for B. S., ten for B. A., and three for M. A.

The New Library Building.

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The State Library Board met in the Gov. ernor's office yesterday, and Mr. W. W. Poin. dexter, the architect of the building to be erected, explained the details of the plan. The allotments of rooms for the various officers were made and the architect was requested to complete the working drawings and specifications in order that the contract for the construction of the building might be given out. The board is unanimously satisfied with the building as proposed.

To Work on the Tunnel.

The stockholders of the Richmond and Chesapeake railroad held an adjourned meeting yesterday. Mr. N. F. Reid, of New York, was re-elected president. Orders were issued to take up the construction of the Eighthstreet tunnel within ten days. Assurance was given that operations on the tunnel would certainly be taken up by July 1st next. The meeting was finally adjourned over until some day this week, when the business will be completed.

Miss Nellie Frayser is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. James W. Page, at Clifton Forge.

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CORNER SIXTH AND BROAD.

We call our patrons' attention to the special reductions on many articles and to the quantities of new goods placed on sale at this unusual season.

THIS WEEK'S OFFERINGS ARE WORTH CLOSE ATTENTION.

white, rough and smooth finished, ruled and plain, large and small sizes, 15c. a pound, that is about half price. There comes 3 to 6 quires to a pound, according to quality of

Square Linen Envelopes to match, be quire. Traveler's Box Paper, 2 full quires paper, 2 full packs envelopes, 15c.; actual value foc. Selected Stock Wedding-Plate Paper and En-

velopes in boxes, 19c.; actual value 40c. Best Mourning Paper, 15c. quire. A special sale of very fine Tollet Waters, etc. Pinaud's Eu de Cologne, large \$1.10 size, price

Pinaud's Violet Water, 82.50 size for \$1.50. Pinaud's Ons-Ounce Handkerchief Extracts, finest made, regular 75c. size, speciat price.

50c.; the \$1.50 size of same for \$1. Pinaud's Special Handkerchief Extracts, Lilac de Franco, Bouquet de Violets, regular \$1 size, special price sec.

Pinauds' Dentrifice the finest Liquid Tooth Wash made. The \$1 size for 50c.; the 50c. size for 30c. Automatic Tooth Paste (Colgate's make) in

tubes 10c. Pinaud's Flower Soap (all odors), regular 25c., special price 100. Ayer's Recamier Soap (scented), regular 50c.

cake for 30c. Ayer's Recamier Cream and Ayer's Recamier Baim, Ayer's Moth and Freckle Lotion 95c. a

bottle. At the Toilet Counter 300 Powder Puffs, regular 25c. size for 10c.

1,000 High-back, unbreakable Rubber Dressing Combs 17c., actual value 25c.

3,000 nairs Rogers' Genuine Steel Scissors. nickel-plated and can't rust, with self-sharpening spring at almost half of actual value. 4-inch, 33c.

434-inch, 35c. z-inch, 40c. 516-inch, 45c. 6, 614 and 7-inch, 50c.

100 finest Down Powder Puffs at 41c., actual value 75c. Solid, curved-back Clothes Brushes, largest

size 25c., actual value 50c. Ayer's Recamier Almond meal most perfect Soap, substitute Sic., actual value 50c. 5,000 genuino English-Bristle Hair Brushes,

solid curved and straight backs. 50c. Unbleached Bristle Hair Brushes, large size for men and children's use 19c., actual value 85c. Stand Mirrors, the very thing for use when in the country, 15c., actual value 25c. Leather Folding Mirro s 25c., 85c., 40c., 50c. and

coc., just half of their usual cost. Best Rubber Water Bottles 85c. up. Ladies' Horse-hair Hat Brushes, a necessity at every summer resert, 50c.

Velvet-back Hat Brushes, very soft, 25c., actual value Sic. Fine Celluloid-handle manicure articles. Knives. Tweezers, etc., 25c. choice, actual

value 750. Hair Brushes with level edge mirrow backs, soc., actual value &i. Infant size 85c., actual value 75c.

Atomizers with continuous spring, best nickel and large size 85c., actual value \$1. Glass Puff Boxes 25c. 5,000 Sponge Baskets 5c., actual value 20c-

Mary Antoinette Handkerchief extracts, every odor, such as White, Rose, Violette, Stephanote's Wood Violets, Lily of the Valley, Jocky Club, etc., etc. 16 ounce size 25c. Burnett's Handkerchief Extract, "Southern Passimen," ounce bottle 15c., actual value

Every other good kind of Cologne. Handkerchief Extracts, Blacking, Shoe Polish and every necessity away or at home.

A special Sale of time Bathing Suits. Not many in the lot. but bought at quite a sacrifice. For Ladies' All-wool Navy Blue Suits \$1.99,

Writing Paper, all of the best kinds, cream and | neatly trimmed in wide, white braid, \$1.00. | Size 56x18 inches, 100, actual value 15c. | walue 25c. 5; fine Navy Blue Wool Suits, | Size 44x19 inches, 15c., actual value 25c. value \$2.25; fine Navy Blue Wool Suits. elaborately trimmed in white worsted braid. | Size 156 yard long and 56 yard wide 25c., actual \$2-75, value about \$4; fine Navy Blue Wool Suits with white anchor braid, coat

collar, etc., \$3.50, value 85. There is a great chance here now to buy Silk Chiffon Laces. Beautiful patterns Embroidery about twenty shades, including white, cream and black, 15c. a rard; would

be great bargains at 25c. 1,000 Smocked Front Cream Jerseys, 25c. All-wool Blue Cloth for Eathing Suits and Bla-

zer Suits. 11/2 yard wide, for 160c. a yard. WITHOUT RESERVE EVERY FINE DRESS PATTERN, EVERY FINE PIECE DRESS GOODS AT GREAT REDUCTIONS.

\$17 pattern for \$9. \$13 pattern for \$6.99.

\$10 Pattern for \$5.94. Cream Camel's Hair Cheviot, 36 inches wide, 50c. a yard, real value 75c. FOR MEN.

Negligee Shirts of strong, cool, light wash Cheviots, all size 14% to 17% for 35c., always sell for 50c. Also a great lot of very fine Madras Negligee Shirts such as sold for \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

every and all sixes, choice, \$1. Balbriggan Socks, full regular made, special heel and toe, for 10c. a pair, worth every cent

Without reserve every piece of China Silk. Black grounds with colored figures and flowers that sold for 50c., Me. and ale, at 33c. a yard.

This past week we have made some of the most remarkably large purchases of Wash Dress Goods that will undoubtedly give you great advantages by looking here any time this month.

Satin Chevrons, a thin fabric woven in waves with printed figures, colored groundsgreen, light blue, gray, tan, cream, white, can't be seen in any other Richmond stores 10c. a yard.

Some very fine figured Satines, the quality that usually cost 25c. for 15c. a gard. For Sinc. figured Mulis 22 inches wide in very

pretty grounds and colors that sell everywhere for 123ec. Best patterns sell first. Be quick to come. A case of the swellest patterns of Shantory

Pongees, black with old rose, brown with white, gray and white, old rose with white, royal blue sm ! white, etc., 1254c. a yard. one hundred pieces figured Wash Crepes, cream

grounds, 65;c. a yard, actual value 10c., will Three cases of the prettiest Batistes out this season. Every manner and kind of color

and figures-navy blue dots, gray figures. green figured, black figured, white ground. colored figured. They are full 32 inches wide and prettier than most ninepence goods. Will sell here for 10c. a yard. Some people will appreciate these: you had better come quick.

French Blue Wash fabrics, white stripes and dots, the most styl sh of the season, 856c. A yard. Henrietta Satteens, black and white, blue and

white, black and gold figures. 10c. a yard, Not many of them; they'll seil quickly. Better come soon-Wash Crepes, the more you wash the crepter

they get. Cream grounds with odd figures. etc., 1256c, a yard, About forty new patterns of light and dark Challi, Sc. a yard.

Tinted ground Wool Challi, dainty flower figures, 10c. a yard. Dress Patterns of Ginghams, 5 to 10 yards.

choice 75c. These are all the cuttings from our stock and guaranteed perfect goods. Dainty patterns of imported Linen Lawns, 20c.

a yard. A great offering of rough Turkish Eath Towels. value about \$3; for Ladies' Blue Flannel, | Size 35x11 inches, 856c each, actual value 1254c.

Imported grass flesh towels, 154 by 98 yard, 30c. actual value soc.

Pure Linen Hemmed Towels, yard long, half wide, very thing to take to the country with you, 1214c. each.

A great lot of our 29c., 30c. and 35c. Towels, selling now six for \$1.25. A hundred dozen of the heaviest thick Huck Towels you ever put your hand on and a

monster in size. 44x20 inches, Just 25c-oach.

A great bargain in commencement fans. White Ostrich Feather Fans with amber handies. \$1.50, actual value \$4. White and Cream China Silk and Silk Gauze

Fans with dainty paintings, 50c. Opera Feather Fans, white with daisles and vio-

White and Cream Ganze Fans 25c. The heaviest quality of All Silk Moire Bibbon No. 22, three inches wide, cream, white and black, just 25c. a yard, worth 40c. 500 Matting Rugs, one yard by two yards, just

The manufacturers of the Slat Wood or Rustic Shades for windows and porches have sent us a large quantity to be sold for 75c. each. They are two yards long and one yard wide and we will sell hundreds at the reduced

If you are going away or bave a friend who is going away to whom you want to give a present see the great stock of Bags and Satchels and Travelers' Supplies here. Imitation Alligator Club Bags, 12, 13 14, 15 and

16 inches long at 50c. each. Other stores sell them as high as \$1. Gladstone Bags, with straps, etc., solid calf leather, \$3.50, everywhere sell for \$5. Real Alligator Pags, leather lined, leather cov-

ered frames, etc., 15 inches size, for \$5.99. A. five dollar bill won't buy its equal elsewhere. A large line of every size, 9 to 18 inches long, real leather Club Bags embossed, red, brown or black with look and key and nickel trimming, price from 65c. to \$1.12.

Without reserve every pattern China silk remaining unsold, no matter whether cost was \$1 or \$1.25, reduced price 75c. a yard. A special sale of fine German silk Gloria Umbrellas with ladies' handles of hooked silver

with pearl inlaid for \$1.50 is attracting attention because the umbrellas would be cheap at \$2.50.

cheap at \$2.50.

Ladies who would wear black waists with white hair-line stripe have a chance at two bargains this week.

Finest l'ercale waists 50c., that are worth \$1.25 Fine Satteen waists 60c., that are worth \$1.80.

Only black with white in both lots.

At the white goods counter: Fine Satin Check Musius book fold), 9 patterns, 18c. a yard worth 25c.

worth 25c.
Fine White Cambric 5%c. a yard.
Yard-wide lace stripe apron Muslin, 5%c. a yard.
17 cases of white India Linous and Plaids open this week. this week. At the Jewelry Counter

Some remarkable bargains. Sterling Silver Hat Pins 25c. Rhine-Stone Hat Pins 25c.

criins Silver Lace Pins Sc.
sal dold Rings set in Torquoise, Garnets,
Emeraids, Pearls, Moonstones, etc. at ac.
choice. Lowest price heretofore has been Children's Three-Stone Gold Rings 39c., worth

Fancy Millinery and Ribbon Pins 10c. a dozen. Latest Novelty Pink and Blue Enamelled Bandeaux 25c.
For whist and euchre party prizes, Oxidized Card Holders and Cards 25c.
German Silver Match-Eores 25c.
Oxidized Shoe Buttoners, Pin Trays, Stamp

Fine Cut Rhine-Stone Drops and Scrows 190. worth Sic.
A lot of Fine Gold Washed Necklaces at 890.

each, no two asite, and worth up to \$3.

Roll Gilt Baby Buttons 25c. set.
German Silver Watch Chatelaine Bows 25c.
Gold Front Baby Pins, engraved "Baby" and
"Darling," 25c.

Sterling Silver Hair Pins, elegantly chased,
each one marked sterling, \$3, regular prices

Bolled Gilt Victorias 25c.

Meyer & Sons, Julius 601, 603, 605 East Broad Street.